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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant:

Cragg, et al.

Application Number:

09/782,534

Filing Date:

February 13, 2001

Title:

APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING A

DISCECTOMY THROUGH A
TRANS-SACRAL AXIAL BORE
WITHIN THE VERTEBRAE OF THE

SPINE

Examiner Name:

Kathryn Odland

Group Art Unit:

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Mail Stop RCE Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

- 1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:
 - (X) Enclosed:
 - (X) Amendment/Reply in 15 pages.
 - (X) Supplémental Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449 listing 3 references enclosed herewith.
 - (X) Return Postcard.
- 2. <u>Miscellaneous</u>:
 - (X) Per the Examiner's request, Applicant has enclosed the 19 most relevant documents previously submitted in information disclosure statements.
- 3. Fees:

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(X) RCE fee (\$395 small entity/\$790 large entity)

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(X) Extension of Time fee:

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395.00 OP 60.00 OP

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- (X) One Month (\$60/\$120)
- () Two Month (\$225/\$450)
- () Three Month (\$510/\$1,020)
- 4. Payment:
 - (X) Check in the amount of \$455 to cover the above fees.
 - (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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